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## AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following Amendment and Applicant contemporaneously herewith submits a Request for Continued Examination.

Attached hereto as “**ATTACHMENT A**” is a marked-up copy showing the changes made to the above-identified patent application by the present Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims 1-4 for original claims 1-4:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of one of directly and indirectly applying a coating medium onto a moving fiber material web, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a housing;

providing a spray device having an application area, said housing partially surrounding said spray device, said housing having a vapor supply line configured to supply vapor, said vapor



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REQUEST  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/900,312
Filing Date	July 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Harold Hess
Group Art Unit	1762
Examiner Name	Eric B. Fuller
Attorney Docket Number	VOI0131.CON

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted  
i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b.  Enclosed  
i.  Amendment/Reply  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0095  
i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 12/24/2002 AYONDADF1 00000221 09900312  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 740.00 OP  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 enclosed  
c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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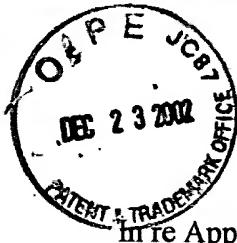
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PATENT

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In re Application of

Harald Hess

Serial No.: 09/900,312

Filed: July 6, 2001

Title: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR APPLYING  
A COATING MEDIUM ONTO A MOVING  
SURFACE

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Group: 1762

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Examiner: Eric B. Fuller

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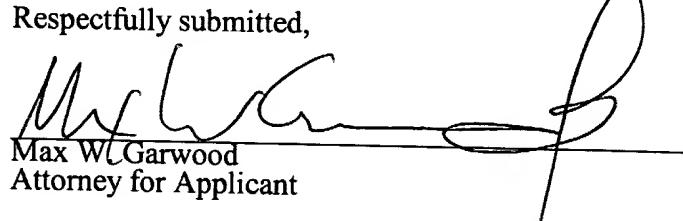
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	7	MINUS	20	0	x \$ 9 x \$18	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	MINUS	3	0	x \$42 x \$84	0.00
FEE FOR MULTIPLE CLAIMS \$130/\$260						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0.00

Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.  
 A check in the amount of \$\_\_ is enclosed to cover the additional fees. (Check )  
 A check in the amount of \$\_\_ to cover the Extension fee for response within the    month is enclosed.  
 Applicants authorize the additional fees in the amount of \$\_\_ be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0095,  
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